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* As approved by the Working Party at its thirty-sixth session on 15 September 2000.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Election of officers

1. In accordance with rule 63 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, the Working Party shall elect its own officers. In accordance with the cycle of rotation, the Chairman at its thirty-seventh session shall be a representative of one of the States members in List A (African Group), and the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur a representative of one of the States members in List C (Latin America and the Caribbean Group).

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (TD/B/WP/135)

2. The provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Working Party was approved on 15 September 2000. A note on the organization of work of the session will be circulated at the opening of the meeting.

Item 3 - Review of the work programme: Draft programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

3. The Working Party will have before it a non-paper containing the first draft of UNCTAD's work programme for the 2002-2003 biennium, prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as the results of the *ex ante* survey of proposed publications for the 2002-2003 biennium conducted among member States in the autumn of 2000.

Item 4 - DMFAS Trust Fund

4. The Trade and Development Board, at its forty-seventh session, requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consider the establishment of a DMFAS trust fund in order to ensure the financial sustainability of the central operation of the DMFAS Programme, as well as the different options and modalities for such a trust fund. A note on this matter will be before the Working Party.

Item 5 - Follow-up to the implementation of paragraph 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action

5. At its forty-seventh session, the Trade and Development Board adopted decision 463(XLVII) on the "Implementation of paragraph 166 of UNCTAD X Plan of Action" in which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD is invited to seek urgently the necessary resources to prepare and deliver three training courses in 2001 by exploring a variety of funding arrangements, including the United Nations programme budget, particularly sections 21 (the regular

programme of technical cooperation) and 33 (the Development Account), voluntary contributions and a combination thereof. The Board noted with regret that the detailed costed proposals mandated by paragraph 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action were not yet available, and called on the secretariat to provide such proposals at the latest by the next session of the Working Party. The Board reiterated the importance it attaches to the early and full implementation of paragraph 166 and urged the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to take all necessary measures to this end in the context of the preparation of the programme budget for 2002-2003.

6. A note containing the detailed costed proposals mandated by paragraph 166 of the UNCTAD X Plan of Action (TD/386) will be provided to the Working Party.

7. At its forty-seventh session, the Board also adopted decision 466 (XLVII) on the "Establishment of an Advisory Board in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action". The Advisory Board established by this decision will hold its first meeting as soon as the detailed proposals mandated by paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action are made available by the secretariat. The annex to decision 466 includes the terms of reference of the Advisory Body namely its functions, composition and meetings.

Item 6 - Provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Working Party

8. The secretariat will submit, in course of the session, a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 7 - Other business

Item 8 - Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

9. The final report will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.

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